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25X1 1. [ ] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that the Chairman's and the Committee's time is so taken with material relating to the Department of Army that they have little time for anything else. He is holding a tickler, however, and will call me whenever he has the time to join him in a review of documents relating to the Agency on defense matters that are held in Committee files. I thanked Mr. Preston and told him I would be available to assist whenever his schedule will allow.

I reviewed with him the 9 September memorandum on the Soviet Backfire aircraft. He asked that the memorandum be held for possible future call for his discussion with Chairman Mahon.

I briefed Mr. Preston on Chinese mounded strong points and border defense systems; and recent developments in Soviet ICBM and ABM programs.

25X1 2. [ ] I met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that he expects to meet with Representative Nedzi (D., Mich.) tomorrow or possibly Friday to discuss the new Subcommittee on Intelligence with him. At that time they will be taking up the question of a visit to the Agency. Mr. Slatinshek will call after he talks to Representative Nedzi. I discussed with Mr. Slatinshek the 9 September memorandum on the Soviet Backfire aircraft. Mr. Slatinshek asked if I would verify the combat radius of the aircraft where in flight refueling is used. The memorandum was returned to the Agency.

I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on Chinese mounded strong points and border defense systems; and recent developments in Soviet ICBM and ABM programs.

25X1 3. [ ] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and briefed him on recent developments in the Soviet ICBM and ABM programs.

At his request I also provided Woodruff with copies of papers which we had prepared for Senator Stennis and Ed Braswell on Laos.

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25X1 10. [ ] Met with William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and provided him with a copy of the OSR paper on the comparison of the "Backfire" and U.S. B-1 bomber capability. Mr. Woodruff mentioned that, largely because of the insistence of Secretary Laird, selected members of the Appropriations Committee staff (principally Messrs. Tom Scott and T. Farrell Egge, and himself) will be receiving periodic briefings from DIA. Woodruff said he made it clear, however, that if these briefings consisted only of confidential material which could be found in newspapers, they would be discontinued.

25X1 11. [ ] Dr. Allen, D/OER, called to say that Mr. Proctor would like us to contact Mr. Johnson, of Representative Michael Harrington's (D., Mass.) office, and try to dissuade him from contact with the two Agency authors who recently wrote articles which were included in a study published by the Joint Economic Committee. We will contact Mr. Johnson next week. (We discussed Representative Harrington's interest in talking with these employees with Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services staff, who saw no reason why we should make these people available to Harrington.)

25X1 12. [ ] Senator Stuart Symington returned a call I made to him earlier in connection with his 23 August letter to the Director inquiring about a story in the 14 August Guardian by T. D. Allman alleging the Agency was involved in hassles with State and Defense in Cambodia. I told Symington most of this story was pure nonsense and he seemed satisfied.

Senator Symington said a journalist friend of his is planning a trip to Southeast Asia and he wished to put him in touch with a couple of our people. He said he wanted to write to [ ] in this connection and asked for their addresses which I provided.

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25X1 13. [ ] Called John Lehman, White House staff, and told him we would like to confer with Defense and OMB regarding the letter from Senator Stennis to the President and asked if they had been included in its distribution. Lehman said he sent copies to Rady Johnson, Stuart French and Fred Buzhardt in Defense so we were free to talk with them about it and he had no objection to our making a copy available to OMB and discuss it with them.

Mr. Lehman said we would probably have an LIG meeting on the subject on Wednesday, 15 September.

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25X1 5. [ ] Handcarried to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and  
25X1C Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, the package prepared at  
his request on [ ] After a quick review of the material, Braswell felt  
it was deficient in two respects: one, it did not cover the justification for

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justification paper should come from either State or Defense since this was  
a policy matter and he agreed. I offered to get additional back-up material  
for him regarding [ ] FE Division is pulling this together.  
I mentioned to Braswell that State had asked for a copy of our package. He  
has no objection to our giving State a copy but asked that we let him know  
if we decide to do so.

I asked Braswell for his opinion as to when he thought the Senate would  
get into a discussion of Southeast Asian programs. He said this was very  
uncertain but it could come up as early as next week.

I briefed Braswell on a number of current intelligence items including:  
Soviet modification of the G-Class submarine; the Luna-18 launch; ChiCom  
defense installations; a new type Soviet ABM support vehicle; and developments  
on a new Soviet guided missile cruiser. Braswell asked if we could give  
him a paper commenting on the accuracy of the Tad Szulc column in the  
New York Times on the "Backfire" bomber.

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25X1 6. [ ] Handcarried to William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate  
Appropriations Committee, a Reserve withdrawal letter dated 17 August 1971.

Briefed Woodruff on a number of current intelligence items including:  
Soviet modification of the G-Class submarine; the Luna-18 launch; ChiCom  
defense installations; a new type Soviet ABM support vehicle; and developments  
on a new Soviet guided missile cruiser.

25X1 7. [ ] Handcarried to Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant,  
House Appropriations Committee, a Reserve withdrawal letter dated  
17 August 1971.

Briefed Preston on a number of current intelligence items including:  
Soviet modification of the G-Class submarine; the Luna-18 launch; ChiCom  
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Wednesday - 1 September 1971

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1. [ ] Talked to Mrs. Harriet Van Duyne, STATOTHR  
Personal Secretary to Representative Florence Dwyer (R., N.J.), in response  
to Mrs. Van Duyne's call of yesterday concerning [ ]  
and told her that I was unable to identify the individual from the information  
provided. I learned from her that the family has not heard from him since  
1966 but that he has apparently been receiving mail sent to him during that  
period. I suggested the Congresswoman's office might want to consider having  
Air Force run a mail check on the delivery of mail and parcels addressed to  
the individual and that State Department might be of assistance in contacting  
him. Mrs. Van Duyne was most appreciative. See Journal of 31 August 1971.

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2. [ ] Received a call from Mr. Bernard Poirier,  
Special Assistant to Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska), who told me he had been  
out of the city on vacation and during his absence he had received a call from  
[ ] but did not have a proper number to respond to the call. I told  
him I would try to contact [ ] and have him call. [ ] will  
return the call and pass off the earlier call to Mr. Poirier on a social note.  
See Journal items of 19 and 24 August 1971.

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3. [ ] Called Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations  
Committee, regarding delivery of a letter to Chairman Ellender concerning the  
withdrawal from Reserves on a sensitive project. Woodruff said Ellender  
would not be back in town until the middle of next week so there was no hurry.  
I reminded him in general terms of the project and he said that the only question  
that had come up when he briefed Ellender earlier was "the number of bodies  
involved." I said I would check on this and let him know.

I asked Woodruff about the prospects for early action on certain bills of  
interest to the Agency, such as the Cooper and Symington bills. He said that  
both of these might come up as soon as the Draft bill was out of the way,  
probably later in September.

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